

REMARKS

On May 19, 2010, Applicant submitted a response to the Final Office Action of February 23, 2010, making arguments as to why each of the independent claims patentably distinguishes over the asserted combination of Stuart and Margolus. In response, the Examiner mailed an Advisory Action on May 26, 2010, indicating that Applicant's arguments were not persuasive.

After receiving the Advisory Action, Applicant contacted the Examiner to schedule a telephone interview to discuss the Examiner's understanding of the prior art. The telephone interview took place between Applicant's representative, Scott J. Gerwin, and Examiner Pham on June 22, 2010. Applicant submits this paper to summarize the substance of this telephone interview and to make amendments to each of independent claims 65, 70, and 75.

During the telephone interview, Applicant's representative sought clarification from the Examiner with respect to the limitation of claim 65 that, prior to the amendments made herein, recited, "wherein a previously-defined retention period for the unit of content is stored in the unit of content, wherein the request identifies the unit of content using a content address generated, at least in part, from at least a portion of the content of the unit of content, and wherein the at least the portion of the content of the unit of content includes the previously-defined retention period."

Specifically, Applicant's representative pointed out that the Office Action contends that Margolus discloses this limitation and noted that, in Margolus, the expiration date for a version of an object is stored in metadata referred to as a version list. Applicant's representative sought clarification as to how the Examiner believes the identifier for an object in the system of Margolus is generated from the version list, as at ¶0067 and ¶0094, Margolus discloses that the object identifier for an object is chosen by the client.

The Examiner indicated that while he agrees that Margolus does not explicitly state that the object identifier for an object is generated from the version list for the object, he believed that if claim 65 were amended to recite that the content address for the unit of content was generated both from the previously-defined retention period for the unit of content and from at least some other content in the unit of content, then the claim would patentably distinguish over the asserted combination of Stuart and Margolus.

Claim 65 has been so amended and similar amendments have been made to independent claims 70 and 75. Because, in the system of Margolus, an object identifier for an object is chosen by the client and is not generated based on the content of the object, Margolus does not disclose or suggest that the portion of the content of the unit of content from which the content address is generated includes the previously-defined retention period and at least some other content in the unit of content.

As such, each of claims 65, 70 and 75 patentably distinguishes over the asserted combination of Stuart and Margolus, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Each of the dependent claims depends directly or indirectly from one of the independent claims. For reasons described in detail above, each of the independent claims patentably distinguishes over the references and each of these dependent claims distinguishes over the references at least based on its dependency.

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 66-69, 71-74, and 76-78 be withdrawn.

Because each of the dependent claims depends from a base claim that is believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicant believes that it is unnecessary at this time to argue the allowability of each of the dependent claims individually. However, Applicant does not necessarily concur with the interpretation of the dependent claims as set forth in the Office Action, nor does Applicant concur that the basis for the rejection of any of the dependent claims is proper.

CONCLUSION

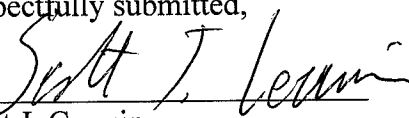
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. E0295.70190US00.

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